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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

FOOD IS NEARLY HALF TOTAL FAMILY COSTS. Study of 500 Schoharie Co. Farms Shows Different Items of Expense in Maintaining Household.

In Schoharie county, 498 farm families averaged an expenditure of \$477 for food in the year ending September 30, 1924. This includes a charge for that raised on the farm. Food thus accounts for 44.3 per cent. of the total expenditures for the families in the surveyed sections of that county.

Clothing is the third largest single item; it is \$155, or 14 per cent. Rent is the next charge, and it is made by arbitrarily setting down one-tenth of the value of the house. This averages \$94 a year, or eight per cent. Advancement follows rent, and to this is charged all money spent for education, reading matter in the home, organization and club dues, sports, vacation trips, church support, and benevolences.

Following this comes such items as furniture, personal expenses and insurance. Those who gathered the figures said that the amount of insurance carried seemed in almost all cases to be inadequate. These foregoing figures are just made public by the New York State College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture. The study was made to find the standards of living of representative agricultural sections, and to furnish a basis of comparison for further studies.

Big Fair Soon

Final arrangements for the Great Hornell Fair, August 25-28, are now being made. A large number of concessions have been booked for the Big Midway, including several new rides, shows and games. An extensive attraction program has been arranged and will include several Big Circus Acts, good horse races, band concerts, and speeches thru radio loud speaking apparatus.

Around Our House

DRESS ECONOMY

It is almost always better taste and economy to buy the best possible grade of an inexpensive material than to buy a cheap grade of a more expensive material. With four or five dollars to spend on a dress a good piece of voile, cotton crepe, tissue gingham or pongee, at 85 cents to a dollar a yard, will wear longer and will look more attractive than a cheap grade of georgette or crepe de chine at the same price. Good quality material not only gives distinction but helps to express personality, say home economics specialists from Cornell. The quality of material one should buy is determined not only by its intrinsic beauty and the funds available but also by the term of service it is expected to give and the amount and kind of cleaning it will need.

Agrigraphs

Will you have a green strawstack this fall? Uncle Ab says that a real leader never needs to apologize for his followers.

Every day lost between the tree and the storage warehouse means a week lost from the possible keeping time of apples.

Purchased feed costs more than home-grown feed because the user has to pay for hauling it from someone else's farm to the feed mill and then back to his own farm.

The care of the mature apple orchard is the title of a new free bulletin of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca. Write for a copy and see what can be done with the old orchard.

A better ration is always an economical one. Six profitable changes in feeding methods were reported in one month to the state college at Ithaca by those who had finished its correspondence courses.

Four sets of farm and home institutes are being held during August and September in as many counties. If your community is interested in them, speak to your county agent or write the state college at Ithaca.

MISSING POTATO HILLS

Adjoining Plants Yield More Than Usual, Due to Blank Spaces.

Losses due to blank spaces in the field where potato plants have failed to grow are partly made up by an increase in the yield of the two plants on either side of the vacant space, says the potato specialist at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva where experiments on this point have been under way for some time. This increase amounts to about one-half the yield that would have been secured if a normal potato plant had occupied the empty space, it is said. Contrary to expectations, however, blank spaces occupying more than one hill did not increase the yield of the adjoining plants as much as did a single missing hill, according to the results secured in the Station tests which are not regarded as conclusive on this point.

With potatoes grown 15 inches apart in the row and with the rows 36 inches apart, the plants in the two hills adjoining a blank space in a row gave a sufficient increase in the yield to make up more than half the loss of the missing hill, or 33.8 per cent. to be exact. In earlier experiments of a similar kind conducted at the Station it was found that the increased yield of the two hills on either side of a blank hill made up 46.4 per cent. of the loss of the missing hill.

Apparently, then, missing hills in potato fields are not a total loss as might at first be supposed, since the yield of the adjoining plants is increased sufficiently to make up about one-half of the yield that would have been secured from the blank hill if it had grown a potato plant.

FOUR MONROE HERDS MAKE MAY HIGH TEN

George True of Adams Basin Leads List for Third Month Straight—Madison and Oneida in Running

Monroe county is again well represented by four herds in the high ten for the month of May in state dairy improvement association records. George True, of Monroe, leads for the third successive month with an average herd production of 61.5 pounds. D. N. Boice, also of Monroe, is second at 59.1 pounds. L. L. Lamb, of Madison county, is in third place with his herd's average of 46.7 pounds. The third Monroe county man is W. F. Scholtz. His string made fourth place with a 45.7 pound average. M. A. Bronson is the second Madison county representative and his cows produced an average of 43.3 pounds of butterfat during May.

P. Schneibely and sons are the first of two Oneida county contenders, with a 44.9 average, and Leo Kotary is the other with a herd average of 44.5 pounds. They are in sixth and seventh places respectively.

Aldredge Bowerman owned the fourth herd from Monroe county to make the high ten during May and their record is 44.4 pounds. H. R. Wilt, another Madison county dairyman is one-tenth of a pound behind, and Isaac L. Mitchell, representing Delaware county, trails also by one-tenth of a pound.

HOW TO HANDLE HOMILIES

Celery must be blanched. And made as white as snow; For if it's not, it's tough, And not so good, you know.

Either earth or boards may be used to blanch late celery, but earth is generally preferred. The soil should be brought around the plants in a ridge about three inches high, and gradually increased in height every day until it covers nearly all of the celery. It is important not to get dirt into the celery hearts, and the plants should be inspected very carefully for rust. If the celery is to be stored and used during January, February or March, one week of shading by means of low banking, about six to nine inches high, will start the blanching just enough. Celery will keep better and longer in a green condition.

Homespun Yarn

The state college at Ithaca has a free bulletin on ways of preserving peaches. Your copy is waiting for you.

Sliced radishes and endive with French dressing are a delicate combination for a crisp and colorful salad.

Celery stuffed with peanut butter or pimento cheese is a pleasing accompaniment to the luncheon salad.

A washable rubber doll, a rubber ring, and a celluloid rattle with no loose parts that may be swallowed are sensible toys for the baby.

A few cans every day or so takes the bugbear out of a seeming mountain of work in providing enough fruit and vegetables for the winter.

A little fat pin cushion, with a tiny pocket to hold a thimble, may be pinned to the home seamstress' dress. It will prove it's usefulness.

To the Enrolled Electors of the County of Allegany, August 3, 1925.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held on the 15th day of September 1925 and that the said Primary will be held open from twelve o'clock noon until nine o'clock in the evening of that day for voting thereat.

The location of each polling place for said Primary in each election district in Allegany County will be the same as where the last General Election was held.

Each town in the County of Allegany shall comprise the same number of election districts as it did at the last General Election held in each respective town in said County and the boundaries of each election district in each of said towns shall be the same as those existing at that time, except as follows: Cuba, New York, which shall consist of two election districts instead of three and the polling place in each of said districts shall be in Firemans' Hall in the Village of Cuba, New York; Belfast, New York—One Election District with polling place in Grand Army Hall, Belfast, New York.

The Democrat, Republican and Socialist parties will hold their Primary Election at each of the polling places above described and all qualified enrolled electors may vote at such polling place in the election district in which he or she may reside between the hours above specified. Public offices for which candidates will be chosen to be voted for by each of said parties are as follows: MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY CORONERS

Each of the said political parties shall elect such delegates and members of Committees as shall be required by the rules and regulations adopted by the several Committees representing each of said parties. Given under our hands and seal of office as Commissioners of Election of Allegany County, at Cuba, New York, this 3rd day of August, 1925. KARL BUEHRING. HARRY E. KELLER.

Rude Rural Rhymes

When Ye Pray

Some public prayer is declamation which gives the Lord full information, and thus suggests a thing or two we really think he ought to do. And private prayer is often "Gimme, for me, my wife and little Jimmy. Thou knowest, Lord, we need a lot of things the neighbors haven't got." I'm very sure that kind of prayer will rise no higher than our hair. God's mighty purpose will not pause, he will not change his ordered laws. Though Heaven's doors are open wide and all the windows up beside, though showers of grace are pouring down on every man in every town, we are not made to hold it snug for

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